Losses Due to Drought in Gujarat and Rajasthan

†477. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of loss suffered by drought affected areas recently in Gujarat and Rajasthan and whether any assessment has been made regarding the drought affected areas; if so, the details thereof;

(b) the total amount of Central assistance provided by Government to these State;

(c) whether any intensive plan has been formulated to solve the problem of potable water; and

(d) whether the Planning Commission has provided any special package to the concerned State Governments for the most drought affected areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S.B.P.B.K. SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) As per reports received from the Governments of Gujarat and Rajasthan, population of 2.50 crore of 9449 villages in 17 districts in Gujarat and population of 2.62 crore of 23406 villages in 26 districts in Rajasthan have been affected by drought.

(b) The details are indicated below:—

(Rs. In crore)

State	Calamity Relief Fund (Central Share)		National Fund for Calamity Relief
	1999-2000	2000-2001	1999-2000
Gujarat	121.05	131.14	54.58
Rajasthan	155.25	168.18	102.93

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(c) It is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments to take necessary action in this regard. Ministry of Railways have arranged free transportation of water to the drought affected areas.

(d) No, Sir.

Incentives to food processing industries

†478. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have given a number of incentives to food processing industries in order to promote export during last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total value of export made from the country during the year 1997-98 and 1998-99; and

(d) the amount of investment made during the said period year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TH. CHAOBA SINGH): (a) and (b) Government provide assistance under the Plan schemes for development of food processing sector which also include units engaged in export production. The assistance provided in this regard include the following:-

(i) Provision of grant/loan for establishment of post harvest infrastructure and cold chain facilities for food processing assistance for undertaking Research and Development, human resource development, for development and modernization of meat processing, strengthening of traditional fish processing technologies and marketing.

(ii) Grant of financial assistance for improved packaging and

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